

REMARKS

The present communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2011 (hereinafter "Office Action"), rejecting all of the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 16 and 33 are amended. Claims 5, 12, 16, 33, 39, 41 and 43 are pending and rejected 35 U.S.C. §103(a). In light of the amendments and the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 5, 12, 16, 33, 39, 41 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office Action stated that these claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully submits that, in view of the amendments to claims 5, 16 and 33, the 112 first paragraph rejection on these claims and the claims that depend from them should be withdrawn.

Claims 5, 16, 39 and 41 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,850,457 ("Gefvert") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,118,876 ("Ruzicka"), U.S. Patent No. 5,589,718 ("Lee"), U.S. Patent No. 5,470,253 to Siems et al. ("Siems"), U.S. Patent No. 3,824,524 ("Glover") and Applicant's Admitted Prior Art ("AAPA") of Figs. 12-14. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gefvert, Ruzicka, Lee ('718), Siems, Glover, and AAPA, and further in view of and U.S. Patent No. 5,984,717 ("Lee"). Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gefvert in view of AAPA and Glover. The

Office Action also states that "[r]egarding claim 43, Glover discloses each of the plug connector structure and the socket connector structure has an asymmetric cross section such that one polarity thereof has a shape different from that of the other polarity." (Office Action, page 12).

Present claim 1 recites, in part:

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an electronic apparatus having a back panel with at least five audio signal output terminals for a plurality of channels, said at least four audio signal output terminals including a front right audio signal output terminal for a front right channel, a rear right audio signal output terminal for a rear right channel, a front left audio signal output terminal for a front left channel, a rear left audio signal output terminal for a rear left channel and a center audio signal output terminal for a center channel, said back panel being located on a rear portion of the electronic apparatus;

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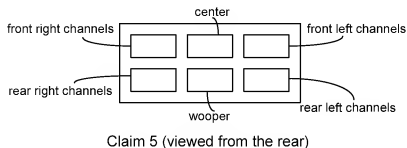
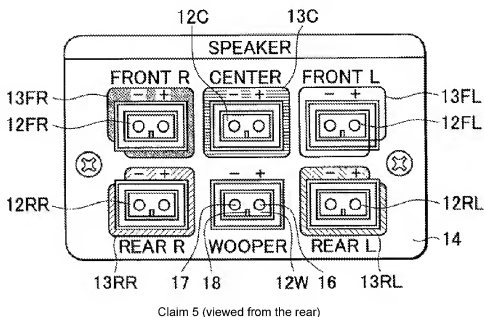
in which, as viewed from the rear portion of the electronic apparatus, the front left audio signal output terminal is arranged to the right of both of the front right audio signal output terminal and the rear right audio signal output terminal on the back panel, the rear left audio signal output terminal is arranged to the right of both of the front right audio signal output terminal and the rear right audio signal output terminal on the back panel, and the center audio signal output terminal is arranged in between the front left audio signal output terminal and the front right audio signal output terminal,

in which the front right audio signal output terminal is arranged on top of the rear right audio signal output terminal, and the front left audio signal output terminal is arranged on top of the rear left audio signal output terminal, or in which the front right audio signal output terminal is arranged below the rear right audio signal output terminal, and the front left audio signal output

terminal is arranged below the rear left audio signal output terminal,

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(Emphasis added).

FIG. 2 of present application and a simplified view show:



In FIGS. 12-14 of the present application (which the Examiner referred to as "AAPA"), the illustrations show that, the front left audio signal output terminal, instead of being arranged to the right of the rear right audio signal output terminal, is notably arranged to the left of the rear right audio signal output terminal. The center audio signal output

terminal, instead of being arranged between the front left and the front right audio signal output terminals, is arranged at the right of all the front left and rear left output terminals. A simplified view of above FIG. 12 is illustrated as below.

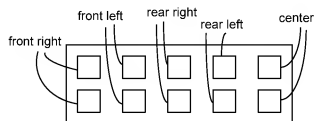
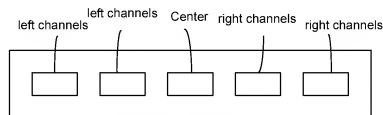


FIG. 12 (viewed from the rear)

FIG. 8B of Gefvert as applied shows that the output terminals corresponding to the left channels being arranged to the right of the output terminals corresponding to the right channels when viewed from the front of the receiver. Thus, when viewed from the rear, Gefvert shows:



Gefvert (viewed from the rear)

As such, Gefvert as applied shows that, when viewed from the rear of the receiver, the output terminals corresponding to the right channels are arranged to the right of the output terminals corresponding to the left channels. This is the opposite to that recited in the present claim 5.

Applicant also respectfully submits that Gefvert's arrangement viewed from the rear (left channel, left channel, center, right channel, right channel) cannot be combined with

the arrangement of Figs. 12-14 of the present application (front right, front left, rear right, rear left, center) to reach the arrangement of present claim 1. Figs. 12-14 of the present application teach that the center output terminal being arranged at the right of the front right, front left, rear right and rear left output terminals. Gefvert as applied teaches that the center output terminal being arranged between the left output terminals and the right output terminals where the right output terminals are arranged on the right of the center output terminal and the left output terminals are arranged on the left of the center output terminal. As such, Gefvert and Figs. 12-14 of the present application teach away from each other. Therefore, the combination of Gefvert and Figs. 12-14 of the present application cannot be used to reach the conclusion that, one skilled in the art, upon viewing Gefvert and Figs. 12-14, would have been suggested of the output terminal arrangement recited in claim 5.

For at least the reasons described above, it is respectfully submitted that the 103 rejection on claims 5, 16 and 33, as well as the rejection on the claims that depend from them, has been overcome and, therefore, should be withdrawn. Lee (717) is not used to cure the above deficiency of Gefvert and FIGS. 12-14. Therefore, it is also respectfully submitted that claim the 103 rejection on claim 12 is also overcome and should be withdrawn.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is

respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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